

WASHINGTON (January 12) – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced fire grants for four fire departments in the Sixth District.

“Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and saving property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. These grants will help ensure that our fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls,” Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grants.

Thorsby Fire Department – \$60,268.

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of communications and protective gear

Chief Roger Gunn said, “These are tough times for everyone, so these grants will really help the fire department in Thorsby. It has been several years since we received a fire grant and it was time to replace this equipment. There would be no way to replace this gear without this grant and the support of Congressman Bachus. This gear will make the job safer for our young firefighters.”

Pell City Fire Rescue Department – \$65,550

Operations and Safety Grant for the acquisition of new supply and attack line hoses

Chief Patrick Draper said, “Receiving this grant will be invaluable to the department. This will allow us to maintain and enhance our capabilities by replacing hoses on three trucks. We would like to thank Congressman Bachus for ensuring that this program is ongoing. This grant program has been a tremendous help to fire departments over the past several years and has

allowed those departments to purchase equipment that they may not have been able to acquire by other means.”

Cahaba Valley Fire and EMR District – \$198,270

□ Operations and Safety Grant for the acquisition of new turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)

Chief Jim Witherington said, “This grant will allow us to replace old gear to meet safety compliance standards. We plan to purchase 20 pieces of turnout gear and 34 breathing units, which will improve safety for the members of our department.”

Warrior Fire Department - \$51,671 Operations and Safety Grant

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

